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SUBJECT: SECTION X EXCHANGE: ZAVADSKIY VISIT

1. ZAVADSKIY'S PROGRAM IN NYC HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY INDIANA UNIVERSITY. HE WILL BE MET BY INDIANA REPRESENTATIVE, PROF. MICHAEL GINZBURG. MRS. JOHN HILL, PROFESSIONALLY ELENA KARAM, WHO ACTED IN ZAVADSKIY'S PRODUCTION OF "CHERRY ORCHARD" AND WHO HAS VISITED ZAVADSKIY IN MOSCOW, WILL ACT AS NYC COORDINATOR. NEW YORK PROGRAM INCLUDES VISITS TO AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THEATER RESEARCH ON NOV. 23, AND NOV. 24 RECEPTION IN ZAVADSKIY'S HONOR WITH INSTITUTE IN ADVANCED THEATER ARTS. DRAMA CRITICS INVITED. INDIANA OBTAINING THEATER TICKETS FOR NYC. SINCE INDIANA HAS MADE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS WITH ZAVADSKIY'S FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, WE DO NOT CONSIDER FURTHER PROGRAMMING BY DEPT NECESSARY.

2. WASHINGTON PROGRAM POSES GREATER PROBLEM SINCE ARENA STAGE, ACCORDING TO INDIANA, DID NOT EXPECT ZAVADSKIY'S VISIT. TIMING INCONVENIENT SINCE FICHANDLER IS INCOMMUNICADO DUE TO NEW SCRIPT AND SCHNEIDER REHEARSING NEW PLAY. SCHNEIDER WILL SEE ZAVADSKIY AND VISITS CAN BE ARRANGED TO ARENA.

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3. DEPT TRYING TO ARRANGE MEET IN WASHINGTON. WILL ADVISE.
DEPT CONSIDERS INDIANA MEET IN NYC SUFFICIENT.

4. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN ALL CITIES BY
INDIANA AND INDIANA PREPARED TO COVER HOTEL COSTS FOR
ZAVADSKIY.

5. DEPT REGRETS THAT FURTHER PROGRAMMING (I.E. TICKETS)
NOT POSSIBLE ON SHORT NOTICE OVER HOLIDAY WEEKEND. DEPT
HOPES INDIANA AND ARENA'S PROGRAMMING EFFORTS WILL PROVE
ADEQUATE. KISSINGER

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